

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following text:

An animal soothing system including an animal bedding structure having a pocket formed therein, and a soothing device for generating soothing rhythmic vibrations disposed in the pocket of the bedding structure to communicate the soothing vibrations to animals lying on the bedding structure is provided ~~by the present invention~~. In one ~~the preferred embodiment of the invention~~ the bedding structure is a mattress or pad, and the soothing device is a battery powered heartbeat simulator with a pressure sensitive switch to activate the simulator when an animal lies upon the bedding and deactivate the simulator when the animal rises from the bedding.